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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 24, 2005, Applicants petition for a three month extension of time, extending the date for response to and including September 26, 2005, submit the requisite fee therefor, and request that the following remarks be considered and the referenced application be amended as shown below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.